

Westminster Presbyterian Church

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

10:30 A.M.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

Westminster Chimes

Words of Welcome

Prelude

✘Please stand as you are able

✘Call to Worship

One: Holy and Almighty God, with humble and joyful hearts we come into your presence to worship and pray. Be with us in the power of your Holy Spirit as we worship you in the Name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

All: **With all that is within us we come into your presence, O God. Lead us in the way of love that we see so clearly in Jesus, your Son.**

One: As we come into your presence in this time of worship, O Lord, open our hearts to the fullness of your Word. Fill us to overflowing with the power of your Spirit.

All: **We are your people, gracious God. Open our hearts to see the wonder and majesty of your glory as we worship and pray. AMEN.**

✘Hymn #157 I Danced in the Morning

Congregation always sings the refrain

v. 1 - solo

v. 2 - congregation

v. 3 - choir

v. 4 - choir

v. 5 - congregation

✘Opening Prayer

Let us pray: Give us dancing hearts, O God. Show us the goodness of your wondrous love and grace. Search our hearts and minds. Lead us with joy to places of contentment and peace, that the world might know that you alone are Almighty. AMEN.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Most Holy and loving God and Father of our Lord Jesus, we come to you trusting in your never-ending love and grace. We know that we have fallen short of your glory in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart; neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us for the sake of your Son, Jesus. Give us courage to journey closer to your Kingdom and to strive to please you. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and use our lives to reach out to those around us with the Good News of your love and grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

One: The saying is true and should be universally accepted: When we confess our sin, God is faithful and just, willing to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In the Name of Jesus we are a forgiven people.

All: **In the Name of Jesus, we are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. AMEN.**

✠Congregational Response

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.**

✠Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you**

Please pass the peace to each other, greeting one another in Christ's name.

✠Hymn of Preparation #695 Change My Heart, O God

GOD'S WORD IS READ AND PROCLAIMED

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading from Psalm 139: 1-18, 23-24

One: O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

One: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand and shall hold me fast.

All: **If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

All: **My frame was not hidden from you when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**

One: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you.
All: **Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Old Testament Scripture Reading Jeremiah 18:1-11 (12)

New Testament Scripture Reading Luke 14:25-33

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Message Searching Our Hearts Rev. Dr. John Blacklock

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

✘Hymn #452 Open the Eyes of My Heart

✘ The Brief Statement of Faith – See Insert

Sharing Joys and Concerns Seth Luna

Pastoral Prayer

Opportunities for Mission and Ministry

The Morning Offering Give through Venmo @West-Presby

Anthem We Will Take What You Offer John L. Bell

Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Intercessions

One: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: **We lift them to the Lord.**
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

The Lord's Prayer

...Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Sharing of Jesus' Body and Blood - Holy Communion

Anthem We Will Take What You Offer

John L. Bell

Prayer After Communion (Unison)

Loving God, we are thankful for the gift of your Son Jesus. With hearts of thanksgiving, we acknowledge the great sacrifice of love that came from your heart when you sent your Son, Jesus, to lay down his life on the cross, showing love and paying the price for human sin. Thank you for giving us the challenge of discipleship. Thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit who empowers us to lay down our lives for others in the same way Jesus laid down his life for us. With all our hearts and minds, we give you thanks and praise. AMEN.

WE BEAR GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

✠Hymn #510 We Gather Here In Jesus' Name

✠Benediction

✠Sung Response Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Postlude

When our worship is over, our service begins

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher:	Rev. Dr. John Blacklock	Sound Technician:	Bill Vilbig
Worship Leader:	Ann McCullough	Livestream:	Leiza McArter
Music Director/Organist:	Seth Luna		

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✘ The Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.
In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.
Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.
We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.
In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.
Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.
Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ANNOUNCEMENTS SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome you to our family of faith! After worship, join us in Fellowship Hall for friendship and conversation. We'd like to get to know you, whether you are just visiting or looking for a church home.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sep 13 - Taco Tuesday

Sep 24 - Four Hands/Four Feet Organ and Piano Concert: 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Sep 24 - All Church Workday

Sep 27 - Book Club, Parlor

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Adult Sunday School Class now meets in the new Parlor at 9:30am, where we are set up to hear disks from "The Learning Source". Various selections relate to different books in the New Testament. No zoom link will be available until class resumes in September. Come join us this summer for air conditioning and coffee.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month (except Nov and Dec).

The group gathers at 10:30 am for fellowship. Book discussion begins at 11:00 am. All are invited to attend.

For September the book is *Damascus Station* by David McCloskey.

For October the book is a happy book *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci

MUSIC MINISTRY

WESTMINSTER CHOIR

Rehearsals are held Wednesdays at 7:00pm and Sunday mornings at 9:30am. Need help learning how to sing? We will teach you. Contact Seth Luna at sethl@wpcd.org

FALL CONCERT

The Fall Concert "Four Hands, Four Feet," a concert of double keyboard music is scheduled for September 24 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. More details to come.

SCHUBERT MASS IN G

The combined choirs of Westminster and Northridge Presbyterian, together with strings, will perform Schubert's Mass in G for morning worship at Northridge on October 23rd and at Westminster on November 13th. Come hear this seminal work performed how it was intended, for worship.

MISSION MINISTRY

THE BRIDGE

Westminster provides volunteers to serve breakfast at the Stewpot's Second Chance Café at the Bridge in Downtown Dallas on the first Saturday of each month. Mike Stanley sends out a reminder via email. If you have any questions, please contact him at 817-724-7430.

TACO TUESDAY

Mike Stanley serves Tacos out in front of the church on the Second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 am - 8:30 am.

ADULT CAREGIVERS' DAY OUT

In partnership with our neighbors in Devonshire, Westminster has launched a "Caregivers Day Out" program at the church. The program's goal is to provide adults with early-stage Alzheimer's or related

dementias a regular opportunity for socialization, exercise, music, and other brain-stimulating activities; and to offer their caregivers much-needed time to attend to their own needs with the assurance that their loved one is safe and cared for. The program will happen on the first and third Thursdays of the month from 9:30am-12:30pm. If you or a loved one is interested in participating or serving as a volunteer, please contact the church office!

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

Westminster welcomes your continued support. Checks can be sent to Westminster Presbyterian Church, 8200 Devonshire Dr, Dallas, TX 75209 or give online through Venmo (our username is West-Presby, (last 4 digits 5290). Please note, 2022 pledges must be postmarked by December 31, 2022. If you have questions or need help, contact Dan Stoyak in the business office dans@wpcd.org or 214-351-3251.

ONLINE WORSHIP INFORMATION

Worship at Westminster is broadcast live on Facebook directly from the WPC sanctuary beginning at 10:30am every Sunday morning. To access the livestream, be sure to "Like" the Westminster Presbyterian Church - Dallas Facebook page at www.facebook.com/westminsterpresbyteriandallas. Even if you are not a registered Facebook "user," you should be able to access the live stream by clicking that above link. You can see previously broadcast full worship services and sermons by clicking the "Videos" tab on the Facebook page. Videos of services, sermons, and choral anthems are also available on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YYEjyOBjYTxzSzEwiTw>

SESSION

<i>Class of 2022</i>	<i>Class of 2023</i>	<i>Class of 2024</i>	Sharon Wright, Clerk
George Edwards	Jody Clarke	Niklas James	George Edwards, Treasurer
Ann McCullough	David McAllister	Mike Stanley	

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